

accompanies this Submission, as well as a Petition and fee for a one-month extension of time.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Accompanying Documents

Accompanying this response is the Declaration of Christer Betsholtz, Ph.D.

Amendment

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

--55. (New) The protein preparation of claim 43, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable excipient is suitable for topical administration.

56. (New) The protein preparation of claim 44, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable excipient is suitable for topical administration.

57. (New) The protein preparation of claim 44, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable excipient is suitable for topical administration.--

Remarks

Introductory Comments:

Claims 25-27 and 43-45 were examined in the Office Action dated July 8, 1996 and rejected based solely on 35 USC §102(b), as anticipated by Heldin et al., Nature (1986)